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# Voroshilov Apology Given for 'Errors'

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MOSCOW, Oct. 27.—Former President Kliment Voroshilov publicly apologized for his "errors" today to the 22nd Communist Party Congress.

The confession of past mistakes by the 80-year-old Bolshevik wound up the party congress except for another address by Premier Khrushchev.

Voroshilov sat on the dais a few feet away from Khrushchev, but "for reasons of health" he asked the chairman to read his statement.

## APPROVES K'S TALKS

Voroshilov first expressed approval of all the statements in Khrushchev's speeches to the congress on Oct. 17 and 18.

He then asked the congress to accept his regrets for "the mistakes in the early stages of the struggle against the party."

He said he had not been aware of the factionalists' activities of the "anti-party" group and did not participate in them until June, 1957.

The old Bolshevik added that during his 58 years in the Communist Party he had never participated in factional troubles.

Voroshilov concluded: "All my views stem from my deep dedication to the party and people. Apart from those I have no other interests."



KLIMENTI VOROSHILOV

The delegates received the statement coldly and applauded little.

A heated speech by the Soviet secret police chief, Alexander Shelepin, yesterday climaxed nonstop attacks during the congress against supporters of the late Josef Stalin.

Shelepin declared the time had come to make answerable to the party those anti-party leaders still in their old posts.

He singled out Voroshilov and other onetime party leaders as responsible for "criminal actions" both before and after Stalin's death in 1953.

## SEES INFIDELITY

Shelepin charged that Voroshilov, also a famed marshal in the Soviet army, turned his back on an old friend and fellow officer unjustly condemned to death in the sweeping Soviet military purges of 1937.

The officer wrote a letter to Stalin pleading his innocence, Shelepin said, but the Russian leader wrote across it "rascal" while Voroshilov added "a perfect definition."

The security chief also charged that former Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov signed the letter and the former heavy industries chief, Lazar Kaganovich, wrote on it: "One punishment for the traitor... the death penalty."

## DOCUMENTS FOUND

Shelepin said the letter and other documents incriminating Voroshilov had been found in the Kremlin's archives.

Foreign Minister Andrei Vyshinsky among those responsible for

"ignoring" Soviet law while he was chief state prosecutor during the purge trials of the 1930s.

Besides his attack on the anti-party leaders, Shelepin also told the delegates that 4,500 agents of the U.S. Central Intelligence and other "imperialist" organizations had been caught in the Soviet Union in recent years.

"The traces of the Central Intelligence Agency can be seen everywhere," he said.

Since the congress began, nearly every speaker has heaped abuse on the party "renegades" and several have demanded their expulsion from the party.

In the last few days, the attacks have been focused on Molotov, denounced as the group's ideological leader; Kaganovich, and former Pre-